



Warwick Rural West Update

April 2020

All the latest from your **Safer Neighbourhood Team**



Including a personal message about Covid-19 from Warwickshire's Assistant Chief Constable, Debbie Tebbs

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From the Sergeant



Sergeant
Danielle Bristow

Hello, and a big THANK YOU to you all!

We have seen a tremendous commitment from the communities we police in adhering to the government guidelines on COVID-19. We genuinely appreciate your continued efforts as the lockdown continues. What we do as a society could mean the difference to us saving or costing thousands of lives.

We are all subject to significant social restrictions at present and these impact on everybody's lives, but they are in place for a very good reason; to protect lives. Warwickshire Police continue to work with our local partners throughout this time, and although we have seen higher levels of absence, we are still able to operate fully.

There has been, and remains, an inspiring community spirit as the Warwick & Kenilworth SNT's and I have witnessed with so many great people pulling together to support the vulnerable, elderly and key workers during these unprecedented times.

Stay Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives. There are so many hidden heroes, thank you all. Please stay safe and keep smiling - because it helps!

Your Beat Manager is PC Jamie Parker who is responsible to me for ensuring the Policing Priorities are delivered and that the Safer Neighbourhood Team is fully engaged with the community it polices. Please drop us a line by email or call us by telephone and leave a message and the team will get back to you concerning any issues you may have. See page 3 for all the details on how you can contact the Warwick Rural West SNT.



**Warwick Rural West
Safer Neighbourhood
Team (SNT) Update**

How to keep up with Warwick Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Team

We are on Twitter: [@WarwickCops](#)

We are on Facebook: [Warwick Cops](#)

Working with you...

**PCSO Paul Coleman shares
his thoughts for April...**

The role of the Warwick Rural West Team (like everybody else's) has changed dramatically over the last few weeks. It has been quite an eerie experience patrolling our lovely but large area with so little traffic on the road and so few pedestrians about (although I have seen a number of familiar faces on their exercise regimes), many thanks to those who have acknowledged our presence when seeing us out and about, it really is appreciated.

A number of our community and agency meetings have had to be put on hold whilst we attempt to deal with matters in a different fashion(when possible or appropriate). The lockdown has disrupted everybody in different ways and we have seen a noticeable drop in incidents and crimes. However, you can be assured that the Warwick Rural West Team are out and about patrolling our areas. Follow the guidelines, stay safe and hopefully we can all return to some form of normality soon.

Update on our priorities

Following discussions at the last recent Community Forum. Our new priorities were set as and remain:

- **Speed checks at Lapworth & Bishops Tachbrook**
- **Patrols at Visitor Locations**
- **School Patrols**

While we continue to give our focus to priorities we have had to reassign our activities to help police the emergency provisions enacted by Parliament and related to the Coronavirus Pandemic, specifically Social Distancing rules. This means we are undertaking numerous foot and vehicular patrols around the neighbourhood and assisting where called upon to do so.

Baddesley Clinton, Packwood House, Hatton Country World, Hatton Locks have received a lot of attention from our patrols since the introduction of COVID-19 Lockdown Restrictions.

We have noticed that the overwhelming majority of people visiting these locations are local people to that particular location. There have been a very small minority of people that have travelled from afar. In these cases we have advised people accordingly and they have left the areas to return to their home. As the weeks have progressed with the lockdown, we have encountered fewer and fewer people travelling to areas that are not local to them.

Our School Safety Patrols have temporarily ceased due to COVID-19 restrictions. Where schools have remained open for the children of key workers, we have patrolled but vehicular traffic appears minimal at opening and closing times, causing no concerns so far.

Speeding through Lapworth and Bishop's Tachbrook has not been monitored by Community Speed Watch Groups due to Social Distancing restrictions. There have not been any reports of excess speeding at these locations during the lockdown period so far.



**Warwickshire Police
Update**

**Details about your
Safer Neighbourhood Team**

The Warwick Rural West SNT Area covers **Barford, Beausale, Baddesley Clinton, Bishops Tachbrook, Budbrooke, Chadwick End, Haseley, Hatton, Hatton Park, Haseley Knob, Hill Wootton, Honiley, Norton Lindsey, Lapworth, Leek Wootton, Little Shrewley, Lowsonford, Pinley Green, Sherbourne, Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Rowington, Wasperton & Wroxall**

How to contact Warwick Rural West SNT

By email;
www.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

By telephone: **01926 684397**

Sign up for Community Messages at:
www.warwickshire.police.uk

Sergeant Danielle Bristow

Warwick Rural West SNT

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PCSO Paul Coleman
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Kenilworth SNT

Warwick Central SNT

Warwick Rural East SNT

Monthly Message from Warwick Rural West Beat Manager...

Covid-19 will have affected all of us and touched our lives in different ways. Our daily routines have been disrupted, and our lives turned upside down. Warwick District council have been delivering food and hygiene packs for residents of the district who are shielding and unable to leave their homes, they currently have a support number, 01926 456111 if anyone requires their services. Their newsletter provides advice which can be found following the link;

<https://business.warwickshire.gov.uk/covid-19-guidance-issue/news-in-brief/wide-range-of-support-available-to-business-in-light-of-coronavirus>

We advise local businesses to ensure that while their establishments are unoccupied that properties are secure and all cash and high-value items removed. Public houses have been targeted, and some posters have been delivered locally to advertise that this has been done. We continue to patrol regularly, and it's pleasing to see the roads are quieter and people are taking to their daily exercise responsibly and sensibly.

We appreciate that the legislation is new and we are all getting to grips with what's involved in this, all we ask is for you to take a common-sense approach, the guidelines are there to protect us and to save lives. However, some things haven't changed, and this includes the speed limits, we have had concerns from residents about the speed at which some motorists are travelling, please be mindful of your speed when making essential journeys. There are more cyclists and pedestrians about, so it's even more imperative to take extra care when driving. Thank you with your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

PC Jamie Parker



Warwick Rural West Community Update

RECENT EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE....

If you think you may have seen or heard anything suspicious or have any information about this incident then please call Warwickshire Police on 101 or alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Despite the current difficult times the Safer Neighbourhood Teams are here to give continued support and can be contacted by the usual methods i.e. Warwick Rural West 01926 684397 or by e-mail wrw.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk. We have 13 villages covered by Neighbourhood Watch schemes which have been successful in bringing members of our communities together and encourage us to look out for each other. This is so important for all areas at this time, please report anything suspicious and contact us if we can help in any way.

Beware of COVID-19 Scams

Warwickshire Police are warning everyone to apply heightened vigilance in respect of criminals who are using the coronavirus emergency to scam and trick people. There is growing evidence that criminals are prepared to trick their way into people's homes or access things like banking information using trick emails. In the past couple of weeks people from different parts of the UK have seen the following:

- 'Phishing' emails from hackers claiming to provide a list of Covid-19 infected people in their area – but with a link that leads to a malicious website. - **NEVER CLICK ON A LINK WITHIN AN EMAIL OR TRUST AN EMAIL WITHOUT PROPERLY CHECKING THE SENDERS ADDRESS**
- Online sellers purporting to be offering face masks or hand sanitiser for sale – but pocketing money and never sending out goods.
- Heartless con artists knocking on the doors of elderly residents offering to run shopping trips – but taking the cash or bank cards and never returning.
- Thieves posing as police officers or health visitors making Covid-19 checks at homes in a bid to gain access and steal cash and valuables. - **IF YOU ARE NOT EXPECTING A CALLER DO NOT LET IN PEOPLE TO YOUR HOME**

While the current unprecedented situation is bringing out the best in so many people – with communities rallying round to help those in need, unfortunately there are some people who are using the coronavirus pandemic to commit crime. Neighbouring West Midlands Police, who cover nearby Coventry, have reported that the British Red Cross had reported to them that bogus callers, claiming to be from the Red Cross, are taking cash and bank cards from people under the pretence of running shopping errands. They steal the money and use bank cards fraudulently.

Warwickshire Police do not wish to unduly alarm people at this time but we do want to keep people informed so everyone is aware and can pass on the message to older, perhaps more trusting relatives, friends and neighbours. Some further examples of things that have taken place recently, not in Warwickshire but close by in Coventry which is within the West Midlands Police area;

A resident in the Stoke area of Coventry alerted the police to two bogus Police Constables who claimed they were checking properties for Covid-19. They quickly waved some kind of ID card but the resident asked them to wait while she wisely called the police. They made off as the woman left them to make a phone call.

Also in Coventry, concerns have been raised about a man cold-calling homes offering to check broadband signals having suggested more people working remotely was causing IT issues. This individual is another Bogus Caller.

Please keep safe and ensure any vulnerable, single occupiers or elderly are aware of these issues and of the following advice.

- Never let unsolicited callers into your home or hand over bank cards or cash
- If someone claims to be from the police, NHS or other organisation ask to see their identification. If in doubt call the organisation they claim to represent to make checks; if they are genuine they won't mind waiting while you verify who they are.

DON'T CALL A TELEPHONE NUMBER A CALLER GIVES YOU – USE THE NORMAL TELEPHONE NUMBER.

- Don't click on links or attachments in suspicious emails
- Do not respond to unsolicited messages asking for personal or financial information.



Coronavirus (Covid-19)

A Special Message to all those living and working in Warwickshire from Assistant Chief Constable Debbie Tedds



Warwickshire Police would like to thank everyone in the county for how they responded to the challenges of COVID-19 over the Easter period. The vast majority of people in Warwickshire stayed home to protect the NHS and save lives. I know the long weekend was a test for all of us, with lovely weather and the usual traditions of spending this time with family and friends providing temptations to go against the restrictions.

What we saw in this county, though, was the vast majority of people following the restrictions in place and staying at home, and for that we thank them. Our approach throughout has been to engage with people when we see them out and about, explain the reasons for the restrictions and encourage them to comply.

We had extra resources on over the Easter weekend and were active and visible in our communities, prioritising areas where people told us they thought the restrictions weren't being followed.

While enforcement remains a last resort, we will use it where people are deliberately flouting the restrictions and refuse to co-operate. Where we have issued fines, they have essentially been in circumstances where people have not had appropriate reasons for travelling or being out and have refused to co-operate when we have engaged with them. One fine was issued after officers were called to a house party.

It is vital that people continue to follow the restrictions and slow the spread of this virus. We will continue to protect our communities by following the engage, explain and encourage approach – but we are absolutely prepared to enforce where necessary to protect lives.

Assistant Chief Constable Debbie Tedds

CORONAVIRUS
STAY HOME TO HELP US SAVE LIVES

**IF YOU GO OUT, YOU CAN SPREAD IT.
PEOPLE WILL DIE.**

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES